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SUBSTANCE IN-VIVO

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005 is due December 20, 2005. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee, extending the time for reply to March 20, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.